(b) if so, the steps taken to provide quality product at reasonable rates to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The prices of vegetables and fruits at Mother Dairy outlets in Delhi are competitive with prevailing market rates.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

National institute for research and development of tropical fruits

†195. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the need of research and development in the field of tropical fruits, any national institute is being established;

(b) whether some places in Uttaranchal were considered for the said research institute;

(c) if so, whether the then Minister of Agriculture had given an assurance for opening one centre of the said institute in Uttaranchal; and

(d) if so, the details of action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Uttaranchal is primarily a region of temperate climate, with pockets of sub-tropical climate in a few places. Research on temperate fruits is already being conducted by the Central Institute for Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar and for Sub-tropical by the Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagarand Central Institute for Sub-tropical Horticulture, Lucknow.

Assistance to pig farming scheme of Chhattisgarh

†196. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal during

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.